



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM II



299TH FSB TRUCKS RECEIVE HARDOX STEEL



SPC JOSEPH SERNA FROM B/299 WELDS A SHEET OF HARDOX STEEL IN ORDER TO ADD IT TO A 5-TON TRUCK, INCREASING ITS SURVIVABILITY ON THE ROAD.

- **LOO**: Force Protection
- **Time Category**: Last 30 days
- **Who**: B Co, 299th Forward Support Battalion
- **What**: Hardox Armor
- **When**: Ongoing
- **Where**: LSA Anaconda, Balad
- **Why/Significance**: Bravo Company, 299th Forward Support Battalion's Service and Recovery section finally received a shipment of Hardox, hardened steel used for added force protection for vehicles that do not have Add-On Armor (AOA). Throughout the OIF II rotation, the S&R section has hardened vehicles with limited resources. Now that they have received a bulk shipment of 4 X 8 sheets of Hardox, vehicles are lining up to be hardened by Bravo Company's S&R section. SPC Brittingham and SPC Serna, S&Rs 44Bs, have designed and fabricated door and cargo kits for 5-ton vehicles. The addition of the hardening kits that S&R has designed gives the vehicles a clean, solid look that will improve the survivability of the vehicle and, most importantly, its occupants.
- **Bulletized**: B/299 increases the survivability of vehicles and soldiers on Combat Logistics Patrols by adding Hardox steel to trucks that do not have Add-On Armor.



SUPPLY SUPPORT ACTIVITY WAREHOUSE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



**1LT POLACEK, CSM EMERY, MR NIELSON,
LTC PATE, CPT PERKINS AND CPT MILLER
DIG AT THE SSA GROUND BREAKING.**



**THE SSA AND BATTALION LEADERSHIP
WITH MR NIELSON FROM AL-MORRELL.**

- **LOO**: Infrastructure
- **Time Category**: Last 30 days
- **Who**: A Co, 299th Forward Support Battalion
- **What**: SSA Groundbreaking
- **When**: 3 January 2005
- **Where**: LSA Anaconda; Balad, Iraq
- **Why/Significance**: The official groundbreaking ceremony for the 299th Forward Support Battalion's Supply Support Activity (SSA) took place at 1030 on 3 January 2005 in the old location of the storage section. The \$550,000 contract was awarded to Al-Morrell Development for the 9,000 square foot facility. The completed warehouse will allow the 3rd FSB to process, store, and issue all classes of supply in an air-conditioned building. The stock control section will also have an office located inside the warehouse and will be located in close proximity to the receiving and issue sections. Additional offices for the warehouse technician and the warehouse officer in charge will be located on the upper level, and be able to view all operations in the warehouse from their elevated location.
- **Bulletized**: With the addition of a permanent warehouse and a covered storage area, future units will be able to continuously operate and be able to offer superior support to their customer units operating throughout the region.



299TH FSB PROFIS DOCTOR SAVES IRAQI CHILD AT FOB RAZOR



CPT MOFFITT BANDAGES THE FIVE YEAR OLD CHILD SUFFERING FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND.



CPT MOFFITT EXAMINES THE IRAQI CHILD AND ENSURES THAT HE IS STABILIZED AFTER SUSTAINING A GUNSHOT WOUND.

- **LOO:** Medical
 - **Time Category:** Last 30 days
 - **Who:** 299th FSB
 - **What:** Treatment of Local National child
 - **When:** 8 November 2004
 - **Where:** FOB Razor, Samarra
- Why/Significance:** CPT Mitchell J. Moffitt, an active duty pediatrician stationed at the USA MEDDAC in Wuerzburg, Germany, recently became the newest PROFIS physician assigned to Charlie Company, 299th FSB. Dr. Moffitt's pediatric medical training soon proved valuable as his first seriously injured patient turned out to be a 5 year-old Iraqi boy who had stumbled into a firefight and sustained a gunshot wound through the abdomen. He credits the time spent working with CPT Jacob Collen and 1LT Joe Whelchel for helping him to feel more comfortable with the various emergency medical procedures necessary in the treatment of serious trauma and in response to mass casualty situations.
- Bulletized:** 299th FSB's new PROFIS doctor helps save a 5 year old Iraqi child with an abdominal gunshot wound at FOB Razor.



INCREASING FORCE PROTECTION IN SAMARRA



T-WALLS AND JERSEY BARRIERS BEING MOVED TO FOB 7 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FORCE PROTECTION FOR IRAQI TROOPS.



1LT RONALD VELDUIZEN, SUPPORT OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE OFFICER, IN SAMARRA.

- **LOO:** Security
- **Time Category:** Last 30 days
- **Who:** HQ/A Company, 299th FSB
- **What:** Support Operations coordinating for T-walls and Jersey barriers for Samarra.
- **When:** 16 Sep to 13 Oct 04
- **Where:** Samarra, Iraq
- **Why/Significance:** The Support Operations Section, working from LSA Anaconda with a forward C2 node at FOB Brassfield-Mora, ensured that 2BCT forces received all necessary support to conduct their combat mission. They coordinated the move of over 700 12-ft T-walls and 1000 Jersey barriers to support the 2BCT's operations in Samarra. The T-walls and Jersey barriers were used for force protection around FOB 7 and within the city in support of Iraqi Security Forces and 2BCT forces to help create the conditions to establish security and stability for the citizens of Samarra.
- **Bulletized:** SPO providing outstanding support for the maneuver units participating in Operation Baton Rouge, helping to increase the security in Samarra, Iraq.



2BCT PROVIDERS ASSESS MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE IN SAMARRA



CPT NATHAN CARLSON, 299TH FSB DENTIST, AT THE AL-QATOOL CLINIC IN SAMARRA, IRAQ IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE HEALTH CARE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL POPULACE.



CPT JACOB COLLIN, TF 1-26 BN SURGEON, WORKS WITH LOCAL IRAQI PROVIDERS AT THE AL-QATOOL CLINIC IN SAMARRA, IRAQ

- LOO: Security

- Time Category: Last 30 days

- Who: C Company, 299th FSB

- What: Dentist and Medical Providers visit Samarra clinic.

- When: 13 October 2004

- Where: Samarra, Iraq

- Why/Significance: CPT Vincent Mase, 2nd Brigade Surgeon, CPT Jacob Collin, TF 1-26 Battalion Surgeon and CPT Nathan Carlson, 299th FSB Dentist visited the Al-Qatool Clinic to observe and assess the medical skills of their providers and determine if they provided suitable health care. CPT Mase worked with Dr. Muhammed Kamel and evaluated over 35 patients. He determined that "the delivery of health care is adequate and that Coalition Forces do not need to provide health care for the Iraqi people, but instead we need to work to make it easier for them to practice medicine by focusing on new durable equipment, infrastructure improvement and sanitation."

- Bulletized: The 2BCT Health Care Providers are working to develop a strategy to improve the health care offered to the Iraqi people through their own medical facilities.



CONVOY LIVE FIRE TRAINING



SSG T'SHA FLOYD, A 992 FROM A/299, DIRECTS A HELICOPTER TO EVACUATE A SIMULATED PATIENT.



SOLDIERS PULLING SECURITY IN THE BOX FORMATION AT THE CLFX RANGE.

- **LOO**: Training
- **Time Category**: Last 30 days
- **Who**: 299th Forward Support Battalion
- **What**: Convoy Live Fire Training
- **When**: 5-9 January 2005
- **Where**: FOB Speicher; Tikrit, Iraq
- **Why/Significance**: The first phase of training consisted of two days of Situational Training Exercise (STX) lanes. After thoroughly reviewing lessons learned from the first two days of training, over 75 soldiers from the 299th FSB participated in training at the FOB Speicher CLP Academy and Memorial Range's Convoy Live Fire Range. While there, CLP leaders practiced troop leading procedures and trained soldiers on reacting to IEDs and recovery and MEDEVAC operations. The scenario also included Iraqi Army roadblocks and civilians on the battlefield. Personnel also engaged targets while moving and from stationary positions.
- **Bulletized**: The Battalion achieved two important goals with this training. It spread the institutional knowledge gained by ten months of experience throughout the battalion, as well as rehearsed for the tactical road march south to Kuwait.



299TH FSB MOBILE DENTAL TEAMS SCREENS AND TREATS PATIENTS



PFC WILSON AND PFC ALLEN SCREEN A DENTAL PATIENT.



CPT CARLSON (CENTER) IS THE 2BCT DENTIST AND PFC ALLEN (LEFT) AND PFC WILSON (RIGHT) ARE DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

- **LOO:** Medical
- **Time Category:** Last 30 days
- **Who:** C Company, 299th FSB
- **What:** Mobile Dental Team
- **When:** October-November 2004
- **Where:** FOB's Dagger, Brassfield-Mora, Remagen

Why/Significance: The Task Force Lifeline Dental Team screened 218 soldiers and provided treatment for 130 soldiers at FOBs Brassfield-Mora, Dagger and Remagen. At FOB Brassfield-Mora, CPT Carlson accompanied the 2nd Brigade Surgeon into Samarra in order to provide a critique of the local current dental practices and offer recommendations on sterilization and procedures in addition to screening 59 soldiers and treating 41 patients. They are currently refitting their Dental Equipment Sets and conducting maintenance on their equipment in preparation for dental visits to FOBs Omaha and McKenzie.

Bulletized: The Task Force 299th FSB Dental Team provided necessary dental care to 2BTC soldiers, offering services at Forward Operating Bases that are not regularly available.



CHARLIE COMPANY DELIVERING LIFE SAVING SUPPLIES



Charlie Company lining up to transport life saving supplies to Samarra, truly winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi Local Nationals.

•LOO: Security

Time Category: 8 days ago

•Who: C Co/299th FSB

•What: Charlie Company delivering life saving supplies.

•When: 1 Oct 04

•Where: Samarra Hospital, Samarra, Salah Ad Din Province

Why/Significance: C Company of Task Force 299, Task Force 1-26, and the 226th Medical Logistics Battalion pooled their resources to provide much needed medical supplies to the beleaguered Samarra Hospital during last week's combat operations. All supplies arrived in a timely manner to help preserve the lives and ameliorate the suffering of many Iraqis. C Company, 299th Forward Support Battalion included a humanitarian push package in the company OPORD for Operation Baton Rouge. Their actions contributed greatly to not only winning the fight, but more importantly, to winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people.

Bulletized: Charlie Company medics serving the Iraqi community.



FIRST EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC (EMT-B) GRADUATION IN IRAQ



THE FIRST EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC GRADUATING CLASS ALONG WITH THEIR INSTRUCTORS.



SGT RICHARD ASQUITH, A MEDIC FROM TF 1-26, RECEIVES A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR BEING THE EMT-B DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE.

- **LOO**: Training
- **Time Category**: Last 30 days
- **Who**: C Company, 299th FSB
- **What**: First EMT-B Class Graduation in Iraq
- **When**: 20 October 2004
- **Where**: Tikrit, Iraq (FOB DANGER)
- **Why/Significance**: The 1st Infantry Division graduated its first Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) Course at FOB Danger in Tikrit. The course, part of the Army Medical Department's 91W Transition Program, met a training requirement critical to all combat medics. The Distinguished Honor Graduate, SGT Richard Asquith of Task Force 1-26, and his twenty-three classmates from across the 1st Infantry Division are the first soldiers to earn their EMT licenses while deployed in support of OIF I or II. CPT Kevin Niccum, the 2BCT Nurse and Education Coordinator, gained approval for the 299th Forward Support Battalion to teach EMT-B, PHTLS and Trauma AIMS, the courses required for the 91W transition.
- **Bulletized**: The 1st ID EMT-B Course exemplifies the AMEDD's goal to provide the highest level of care as far forward on the battlefield as possible.



ACCELERATED MEDICAL TRAINING FOR 91W TRANSITION IN THE 2BCT AND 1ID



SGT ALICIA SMITH EVALUATES A MEDIC DURING THE HANDS-ON TRAINING PORTION OF THE EMT-B COURSE AT FOB DANGER.



THE FIRST EMT-B GRADUATING CLASS, COORDINATED AND LED BY CPT KEVIN NICCUM.

- **LOO**: Medical
- **Time Category**: Last 6 months
- **Who**: 299th FSB
- **What**: 91W Transition
- **When**: Ongoing
- **Where**: FOB Danger, Tirkit
- **Why/Significance**: In order for 91B and 91C Military Occupational Specialties to transition to 91W, they need to complete three medical courses and pass the National Registry of EMT-B Exam. These courses usually take about two months to finish in the civilian sector. For medics deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, they have been compressed into a month in order to accommodate mission support; fifteen days for EMT-B to include the National Registry Exam, three days for Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), and ten days for Trauma-AIMS.
- **Bulletized**: CPT Kevin Niccum, 299th FSB Nurse, coordinated and executed a medical training plan to transition medics to the 91W MOS at an accelerated pace.